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SUBJECT: IVP GRANT: MINISTER AND MRS. SENANAYEKE

REF: COLOMBO 1355 AND PREVIOUS

1. TVA HAS ARRANGED TOUR AND INSPECTION OF OPERATION. ROUTING THROUGH ATLANTA ACCEPTABLE. ESCORT GEORGE GRIFFIN ATTENDED SCHOOL IN THAT CITY, ADVISES THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE EXTREMELY NICE RECEPTION AND/OR DINNER INVOLVING LOCAL JOURNALISTS AND POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY. DEPARTMENT OF THE OPINION THAT ATLANTA ABLE TO PUT ON SORT OF PROGRAM POST SEEKS. IF ROUTING THROUGH ATLANTA WAS MEANT AS REST STOP FROM IPU ACTIVITIES, SUGGEST THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO ROUTE SENANAYEKES MORE DIRECTLY TO NASHVILLE SUNDAY VIA DALLAS WITHOUT OVER-NIGHT STOP. TVA ABLE TO ACCOMODATE IN EITHER CASE AND ESCORT ABLE TO MEET EITHER LOCATION.

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2. WASHINGTON SECTION. SENANAYEKES ARE SCHEDULED ARRIVE

FROM NASHVILLE AFTERNOON APRIL 27 IN TIME TO ATTEND
AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE'S DINNER HONORING COMMERCE SECRETARY

RICHARDSON. APRIL 28 WILL BE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO

SIGHTSEEING, PROBABLY INCLUDING VIP TOUR OF WHITEHOUSE,
CALL ON WASHINGTON VIHARA SOCIETY. WE HAVE ALSO
REQUESTED CALL ON IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA AND WILL BE
WORKING OUT ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM IN EVENING, POSSIBLY
AT KENNEDY CENTER. APRIL 29: OFFICIAL CALLS ARE PLANNED
ON ACTING INTERIOR SECRETARY FRIZZELL, UNDER SECRETARY
SISCO AND DEPUTY AID ADMINISTRATOR MURPHY. LUNCH ON
8TH FLOOR WILL BE HOSTED BY ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SOBER. (BOTH INTERIOR SECRETARY KLEPPE AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ATHERTON WILL BE OUT OF TOWN. SCHEDULING
PROBLEMS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SISCO TO HOST LUNCH).
WE ARE TRYING TO ARRANGE AFTERNOON SESSION WITH MEMBERS
OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND ALSO GETOGETHER
WITH IPU VISITORS TO SRI LANKA. (REQUEST FOR LUNCH AT
HOUSE IS STILL PENDING WITH CONG. JARMAN, IPU PRESIDENT).
AMB. KANAKARATNE WILL HOST COCKTAIL IN EVENING. FRIDAY
APRIL, 30 REMAINS OPEN ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONSIDERING MID-
DAY STOP EN-ROUTE TO BOSTON IN PHILADELPHIA. WE ARE ALSO
WORKING TO SET UP SEPARATE CALLS BY MRS. SENANAYEKE WITH
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND OTHER SIMILAR GROUPS.

3. WE ARE UNABLE TO SCHEDULE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CALL AS
INDICATED IN STATE 088716. WE WILL CONSIDER MANSFIELD
CALL IF WE RUN INTO SNAGS BUT WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH
SFRC REGARDING SENATE PROGRAM.

4. FAMILY IN BOSTON HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND LOCAL SPONSORS
PREPARED TO MAKE ANY FURTHER APPOINTMENTS OR ACTIVITY
ARRANGEMENTS.

5. ALL PERSONS CONNECTED WITH NEW YORK ACTIVITIES CITED
COLOMBO 1178 HAVE BEEN CONTACTED. DEFINITIVE PROGRAM
STILL BEING ORGANIZED. IN ADDITION, ASIA SOCIETY HAS
BEEN CONTACTED TO ASCERTAIN IN WHICH ACTIVITIES THEIR
SRI LANKA COUNCIL SHOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.
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6. COMPLETE SCHEDULE STILL TENTATIVE BUT BELIEVE
FINAL PROGRAM WILL BE VERY MUCH AS DESCRIBED.

7. DOES MRS. SENANAYEKE REPEAT MRS. SENANAYEKE HAVE ANY
DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.

8. USIS SHOULD CABLE AGENCY RMS ID NUMBER FOR COVERAGE

REQUESTED COLOMBO 1319.

9. SPECIAL PER DIEM HAS BEEN APPROVED.

10. PLEASE FURNISH REQUESTED INFORMATION RE INTERNATIONAL
TICKET IE ROUTING, ANY EXCURSIONS, ANY LIMITATIONS. ROBINSON

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